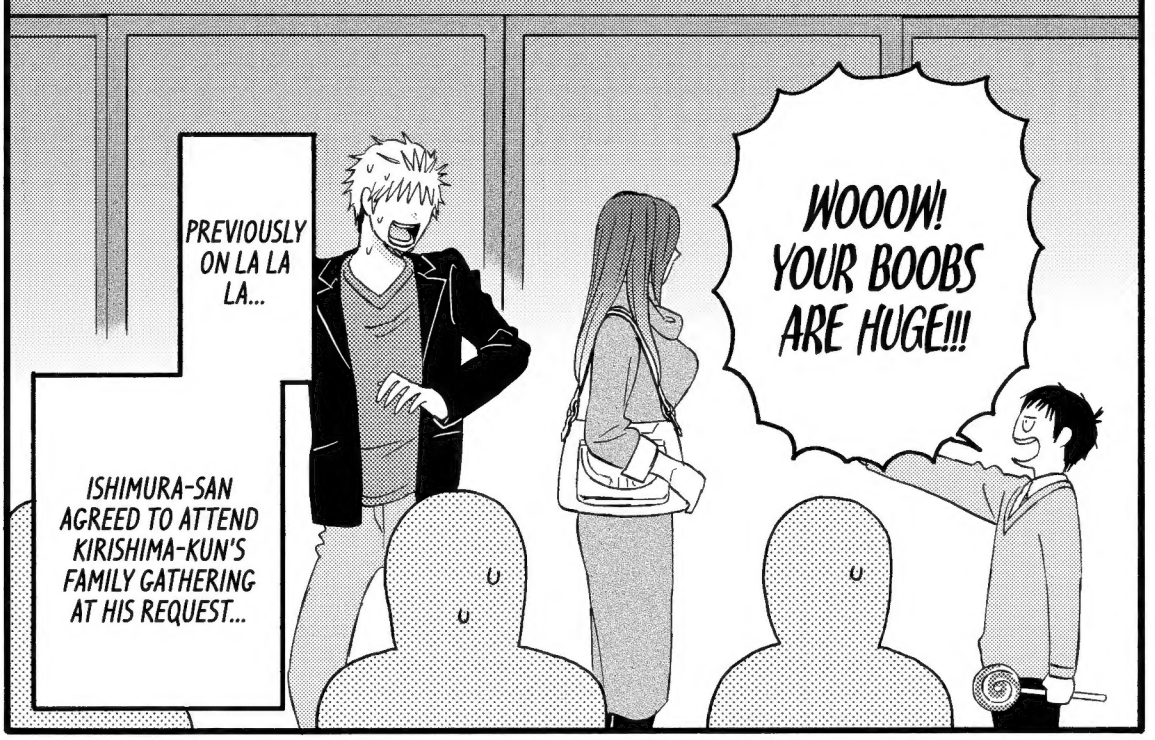
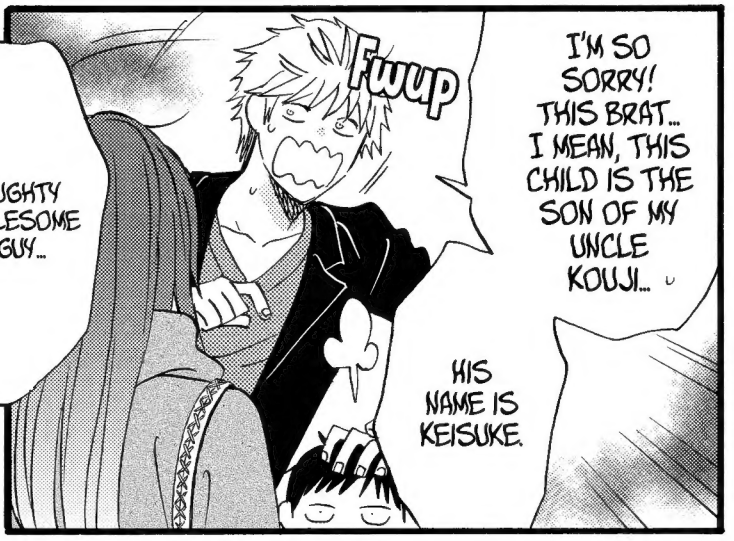
Chapter 38: Ishimura-San And The Kirishima Family, Part II

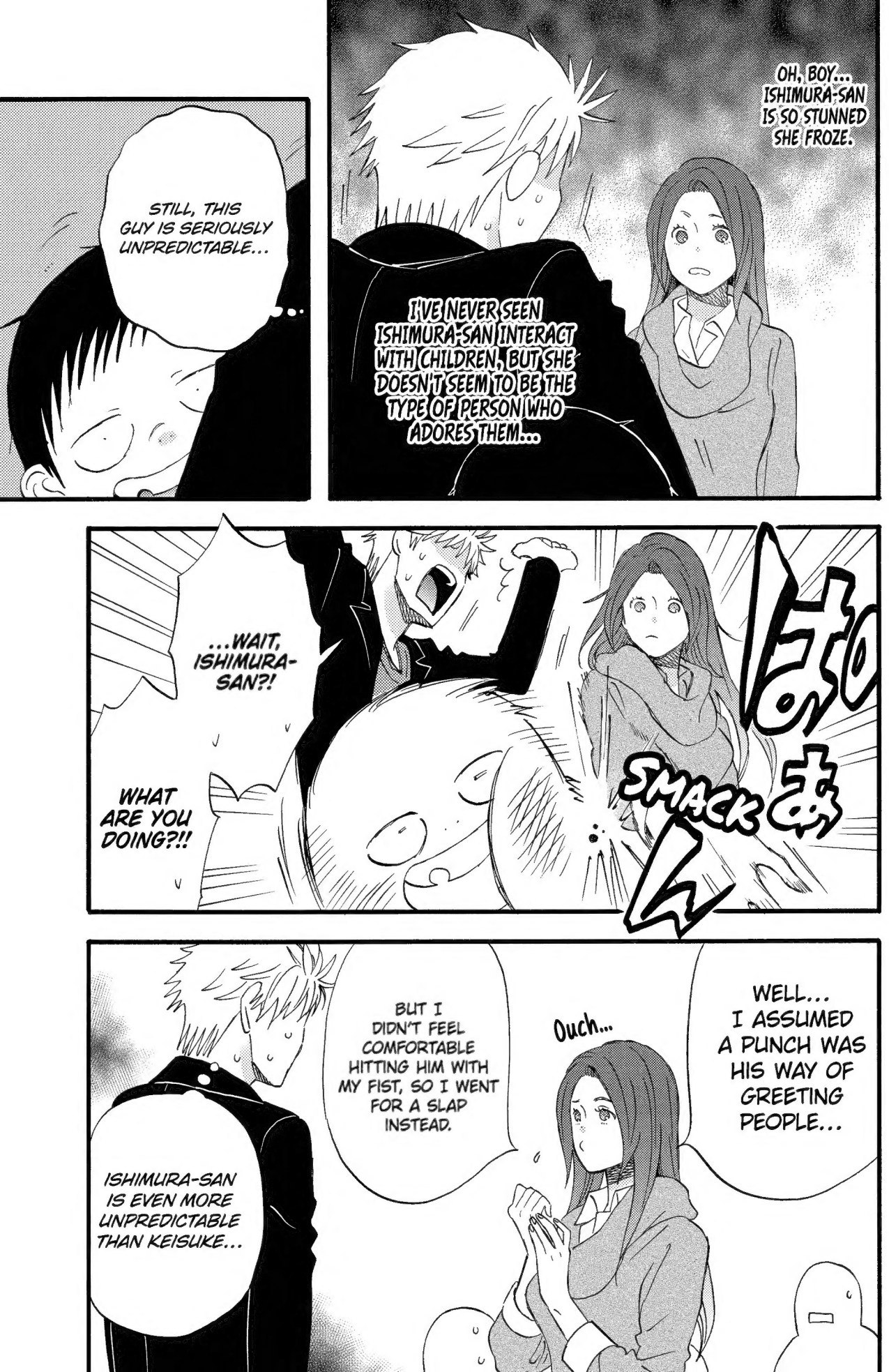

PREVIOUSLY ON LA LA LA...
ISHIMURA-SAN AGREED TO ATTEND KIRISHIMA-KUN'S FAMILY GATHERING AT HIS REQUEST...
WOOOW! YOUR BOOBS ARE HUGE!!!

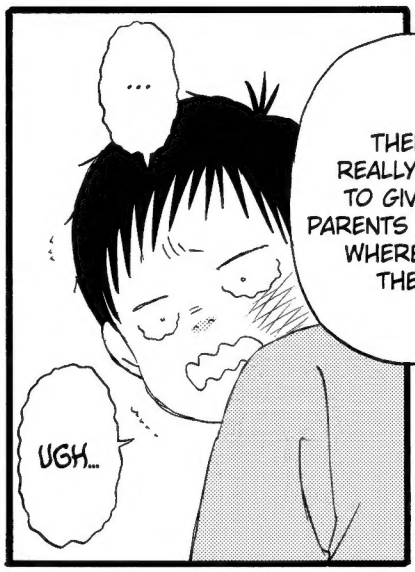
HE'S A NAUGHTY AND TROUBLESOME LITTLE GUY...


Fwup
I'M SO SORRY! THIS BRAT... I MEAN, THIS CHILD IS THE SON OF MY UNCLE KOUJI...
HIS NAME IS KEISUKE.

THIS SHITTY BRAT... I HAVE YET TO TOUCH THOSE BOOBS MYSELF!
Ha ha ha ha!

HEY... WHAT'RE DOING?! STOP IT!
BOOB PUNCH!
Boing
Slip


OH, BOY... ISHIMURA-SAN IS SO STUNNED SHE FROZE.
I'VE NEVER SEEN ISHIMURA-SAN INTERACT WITH CHILDREN, BUT SHE DOESN'T SEEM TO BE THE TYPE OF PERSON WHO ADORES THEM...
STILL, THIS GUY IS SERIOUSLY UNPREDICTABLE...
...WAIT, ISHIMURA-SAN?!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!!
SMACK
WELL... I ASSUMED A PUNCH WAS HIS WAY OF GREETING PEOPLE...
Ouch...
BUT I DIDN'T FEEL COMFORTABLE HITTING HIM WITH MY FIST, SO I WENT FOR A SLAP INSTEAD.
ISHIMURA-SAN IS EVEN MORE UNPREDICTABLE THAN KEISUKE...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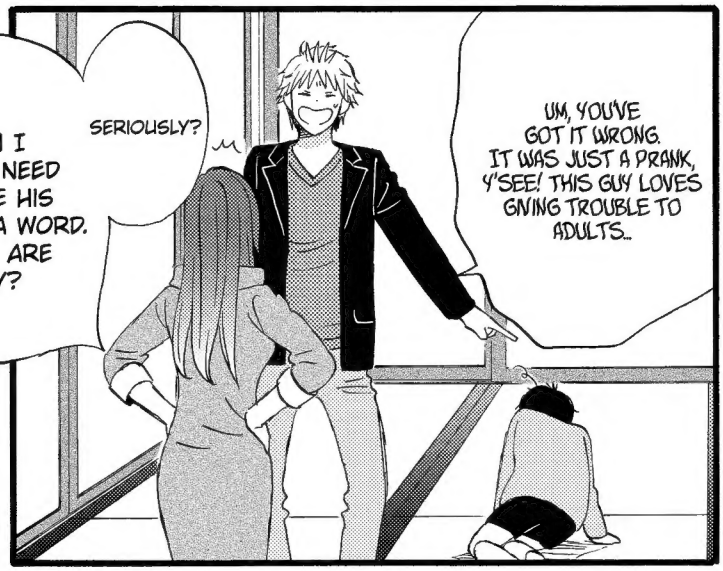
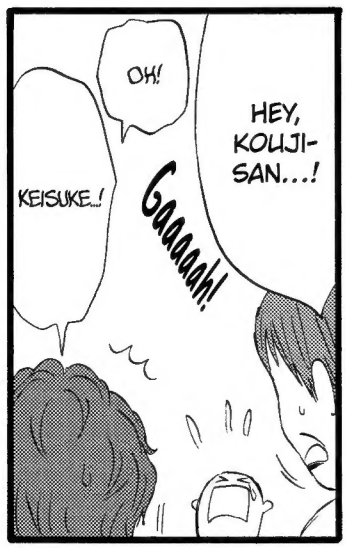
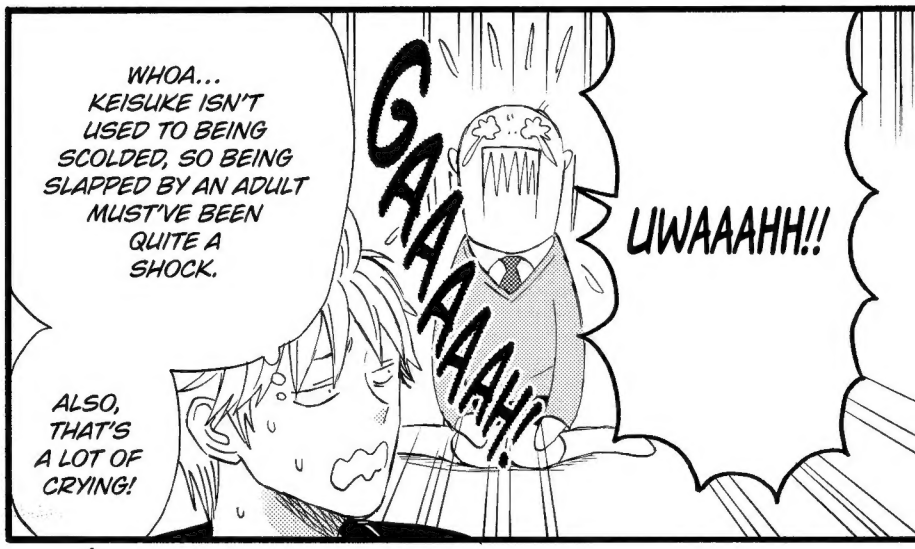
UGH...


THEN I REALLY NEED TO GIVE HIS PARENTS A WORD. WHERE ARE THEY?
SERIOUSLY?
UM, YOU'VE GOT IT WRONG. IT WAS JUST A PRANK, Y'SEE! THIS GUY LOVES GIVING TROUBLE TO ADULTS...


HEY, KOUJI-SAN...!
Gaaaaah!
OH!
KEISUKE...!


UWAAAHH!!
GAAAAAH!
WHOA... KEISUKE ISN'T USED TO BEING SCOLDED, SO BEING SLAPPED BY AN ADULT MUST'VE BEEN QUITE A SHOCK.
ALSO, THAT'S A LOT OF CRYING!

W-WHAT DID YOU DO THAT FOR, ALL OF A SUDDEN...?!
Stomp
Stomp
ARE YOU OKAY, KEISUKE?!
UWAAAH! UWAAAAAH!
GAA
AA
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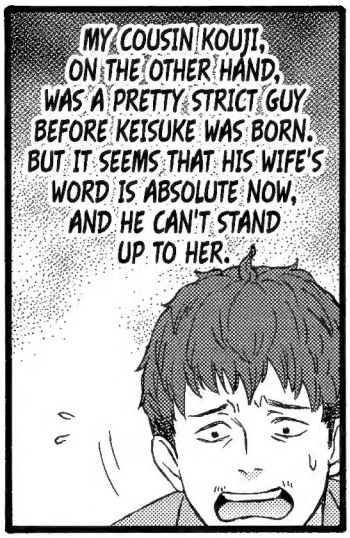
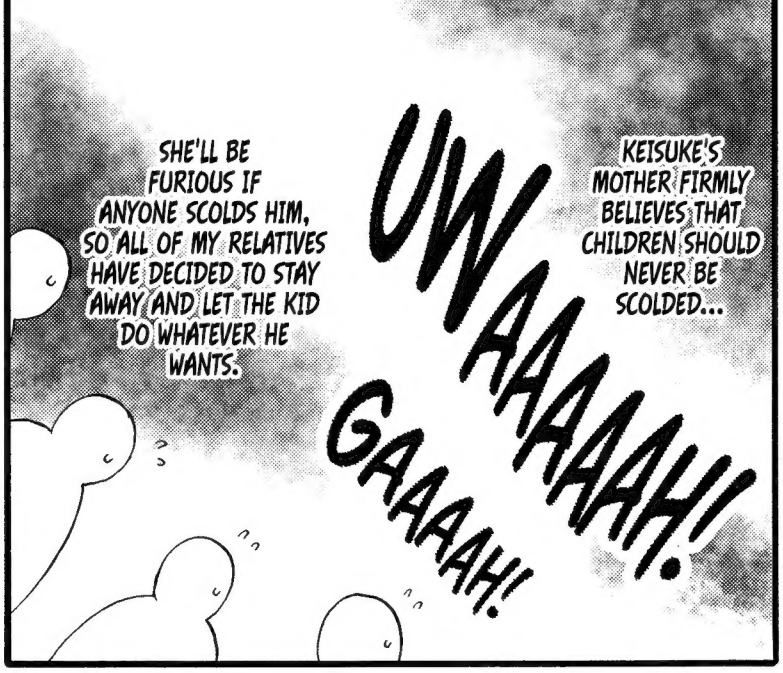
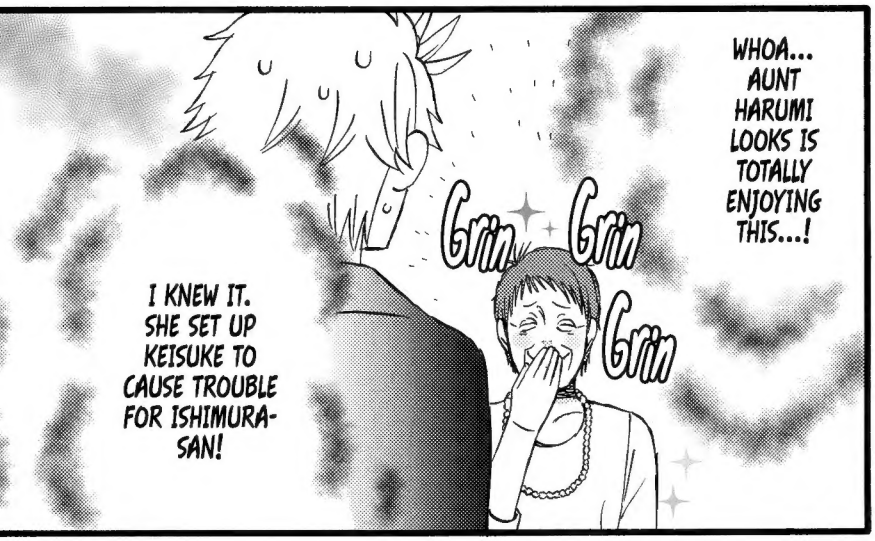
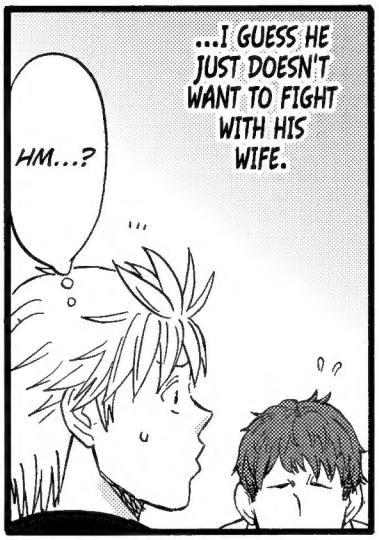
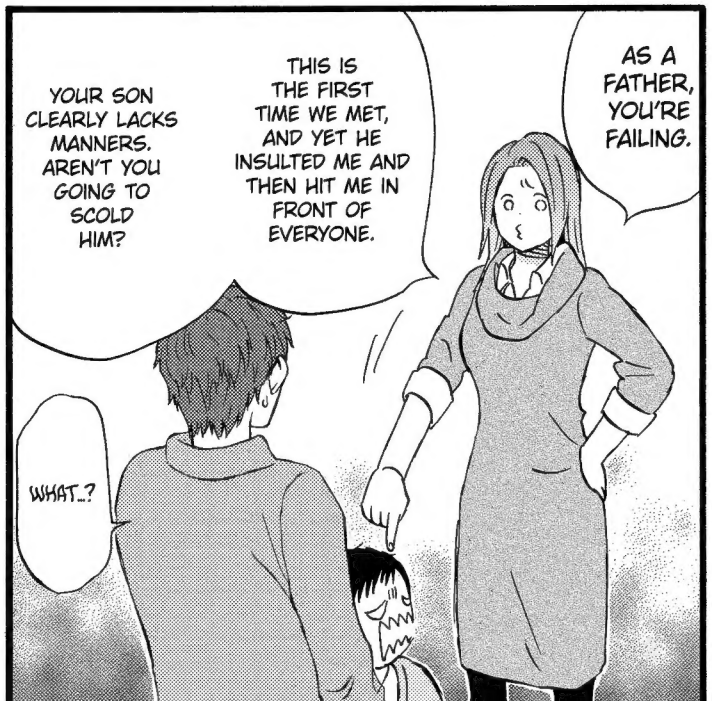
AA AA AH!
AH, GEEZ... I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO...
IT'S CHAOS ...


MY COUSIN KOUJI, ON THE OTHER HAND, WAS A PRETTY STRICT GUY BEFORE KEISUKE WAS BORN. BUT IT SEEMS THAT HIS WIFE'S WORD IS ABSOLUTE NOW, AND HE CAN'T STAND UP TO HER.


SHE'LL BE FURIOUS IF ANYONE SCOLDS HIM, SO ALL OF MY RELATIVES HAVE DECIDED TO STAY AWAY AND LET THE KID DO WHATEVER HE WANTS.
UWAAAAH!
GAAAAH!
KEISUKE'S MOTHER FIRMLY BELIEVES THAT CHILDREN SHOULD NEVER BE SCOLDED...

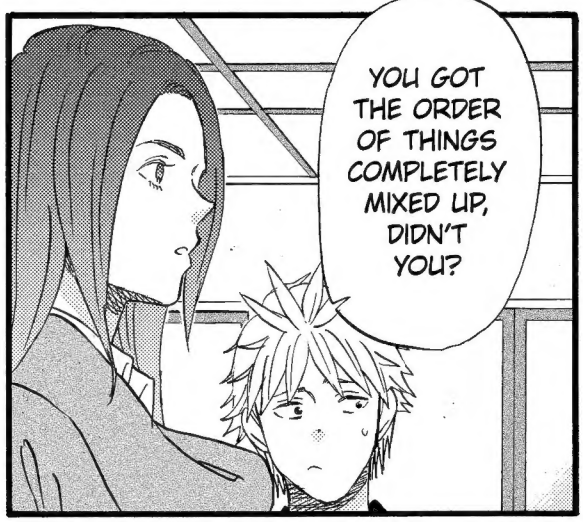

WHOA... AUNT HARUMI LOOKS IS TOTALLY ENJOYING THIS...!
Grin Grin Grin
I KNEW IT. SHE SET UP KEISUKE TO CAUSE TROUBLE FOR ISHIMURA-SAN!

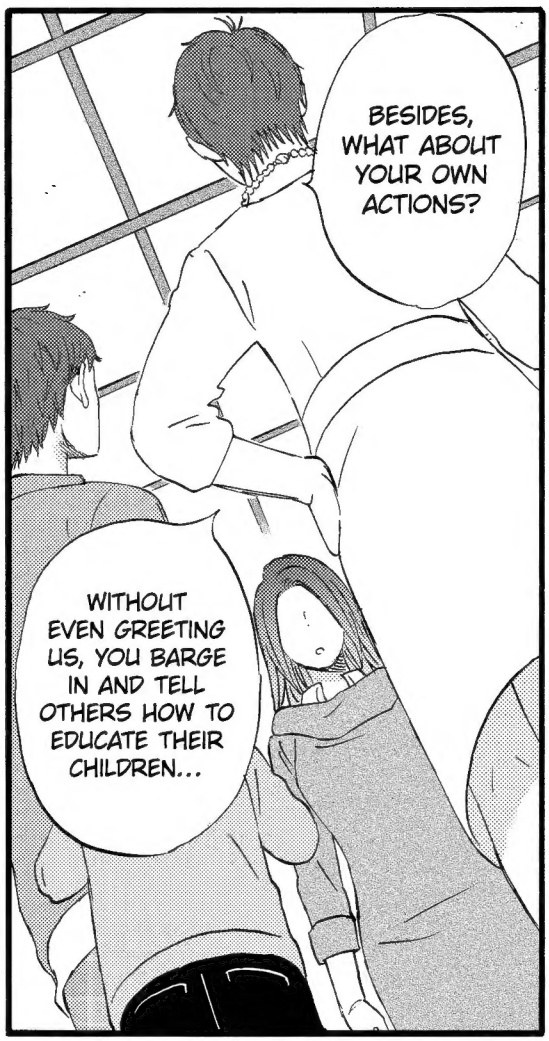

...I GUESS HE JUST DOESN'T WANT TO FIGHT WITH HIS WIFE.
HM...?

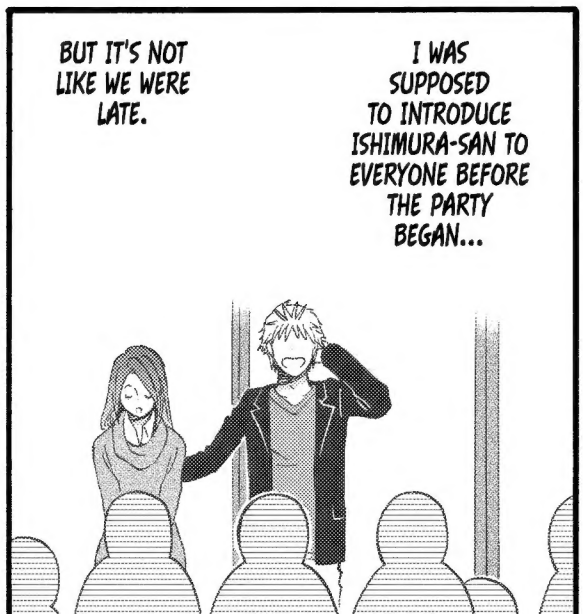

YOUR SON CLEARLY LACKS MANNERS. AREN'T YOU GOING TO SCOLD HIM?
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME WE MET, AND YET HE INSULTED ME AND THEN HIT ME IN FRONT OF EVERYONE.
AS A FATHER, YOU'RE FAILING.
WHAT...?

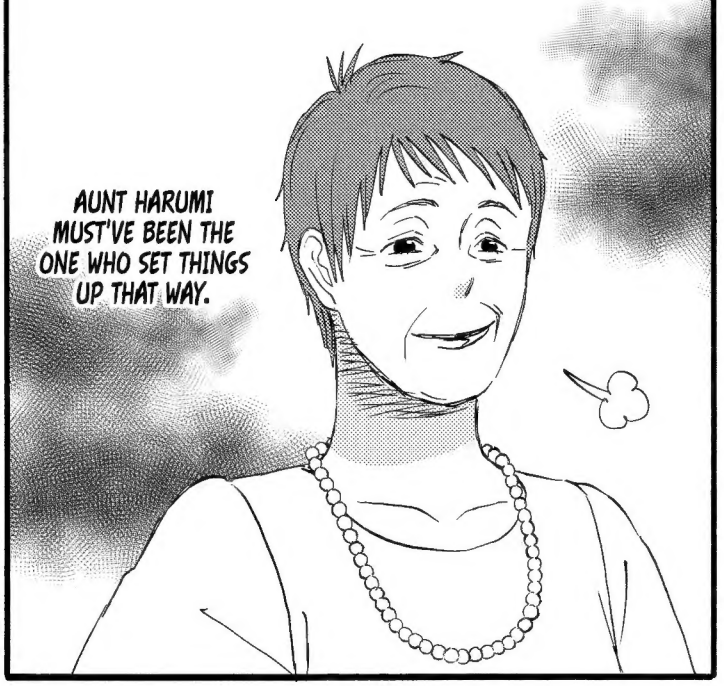
ISHIMURA-SAN...
...NO, NO. I'M NOT IN THE WRONG HERE.

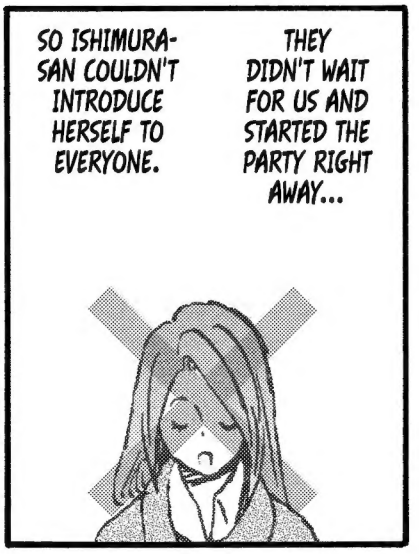
KEISUKE IS ONLY A CHILD...
AUNT HARUMI.
COME ON, NOW...
NO... WE BELIEVE THAT WE SHOULDN'T SCOLD OUR SON AS HE GROWS. IT'S OUR POLICY...

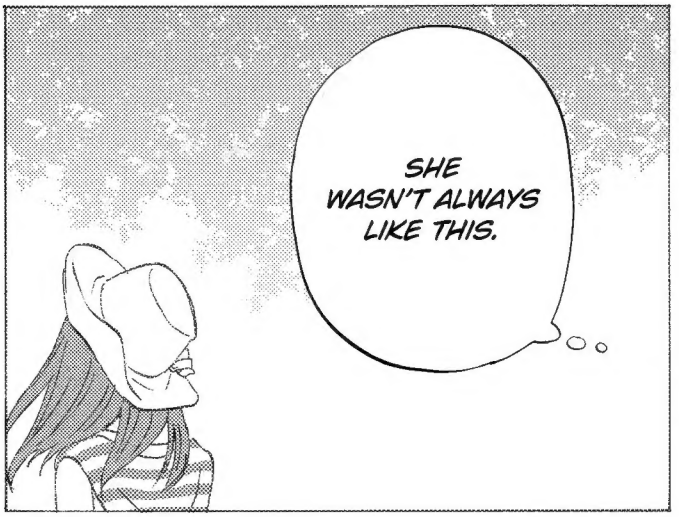

YOU GOT THE ORDER OF THINGS COMPLETELY MIXED UP, DIDN'T YOU?


BESIDES, WHAT ABOUT YOUR OWN ACTIONS?
WITHOUT EVEN GREETING US, YOU BARGE IN AND TELL OTHERS HOW TO EDUCATE THEIR CHILDREN...


BUT IT'S NOT LIKE WE WERE LATE.
I WAS SUPPOSED TO INTRODUCE ISHIMURA-SAN TO EVERYONE BEFORE THE PARTY BEGAN...


AUNT HARUMI MUST'VE BEEN THE ONE WHO SET THINGS UP THAT WAY.

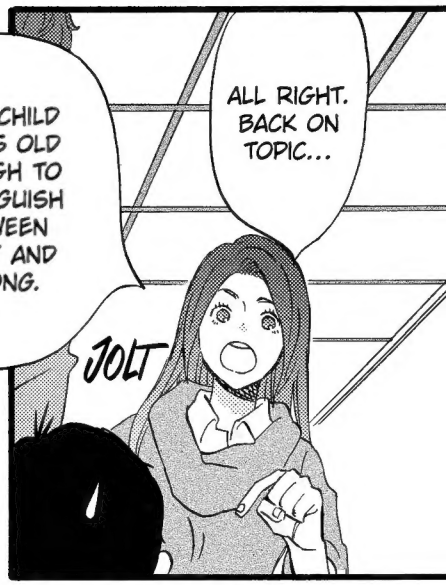

SO ISHIMURA-SAN COULDN'T INTRODUCE HERSELF TO EVERYONE.
THEY DIDN'T WAIT FOR US AND STARTED THE PARTY RIGHT AWAY...

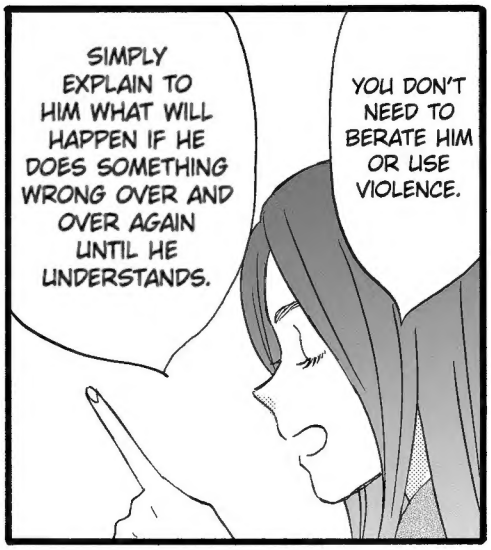

SHE WASN'T ALWAYS LIKE THIS.

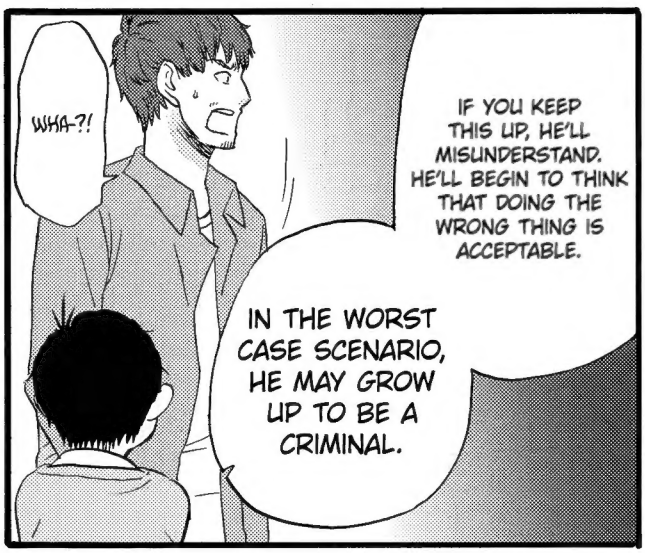
THAT'S TYPICAL OF HER, AND YET...

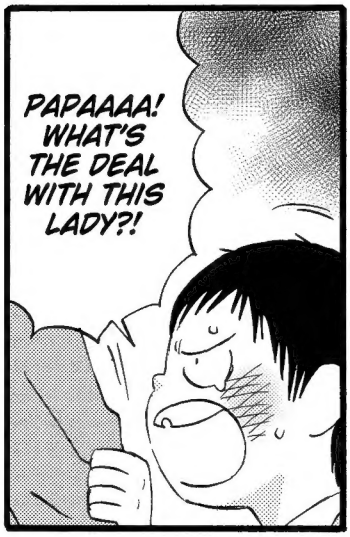
AND THEN THERE'S ISHIMURA-SAN, WHO'S INCAPABLE OF READING THE ROOM AND THUS MISSES AUNT HARUMI'S MALICE...
MY NAME'S ISHIMURA AI. I'M KIRISHIMA SHIROU'S WIFE. IT'S NICE TO MEET YOU.
Ha ha ha!
OH, YEAH. YOU'VE GOT A POINT THERE.

HE KNOWS THAT WHAT HE'S DOING IS WRONG.
BUT WHY AREN'T THE ADULTS DOING ANYTHING TO CORRECT HIM?


THAT CHILD LOOKS OLD ENOUGH TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN RIGHT AND WRONG.
ALL RIGHT. BACK ON TOPIC...
JOLT


SIMPLY EXPLAIN TO HIM WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF HE DOES SOMETHING WRONG OVER AND OVER AGAIN UNTIL HE UNDERSTANDS.
YOU DON'T NEED TO BERATE HIM OR USE VIOLENCE.


WHA-?!
IF YOU KEEP THIS UP, HE'LL MISUNDERSTAND. HE'LL BEGIN TO THINK THAT DOING THE WRONG THING IS ACCEPTABLE.
IN THE WORST CASE SCENARIO, HE MAY GROW UP TO BE A CRIMINAL.


PAPAAAA! WHAT'S THE DEAL WITH THIS LADY?!

PARENTS WHO DON'T EDUCATE THEIR CHILDREN...
RISK HAVING THEM GROW UP UNABLE TO FORM HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHERS.
HAVE HIM REFLECT ABOUT HIS ACTIONS AND HIS POSITION.
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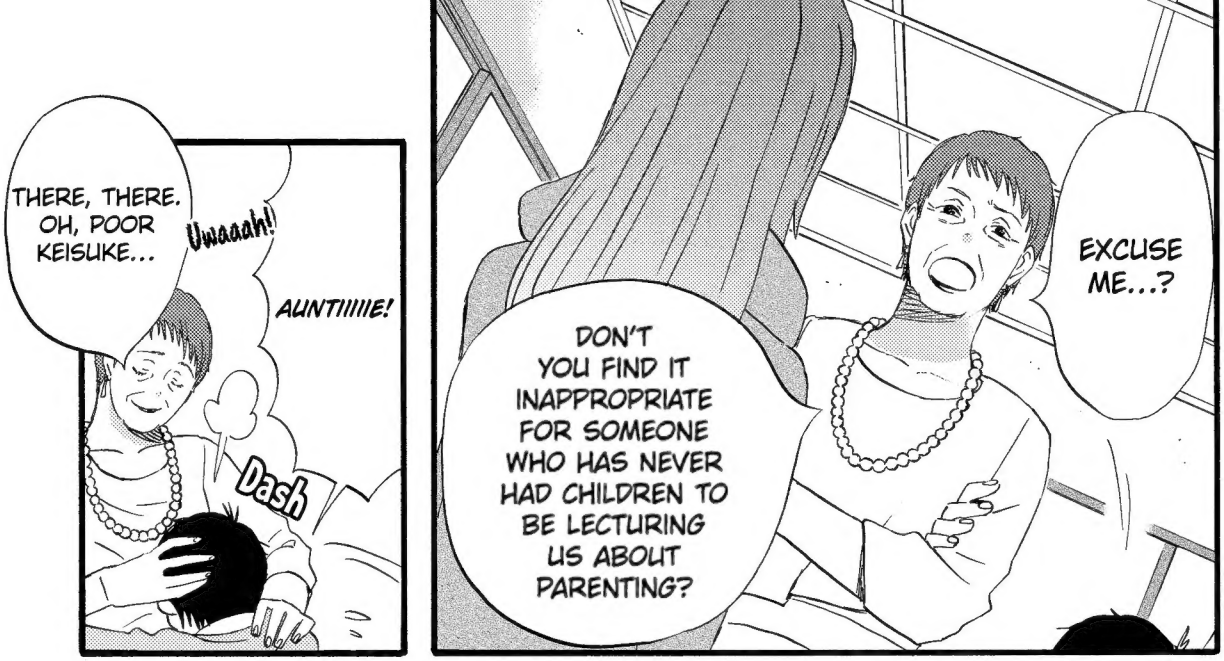
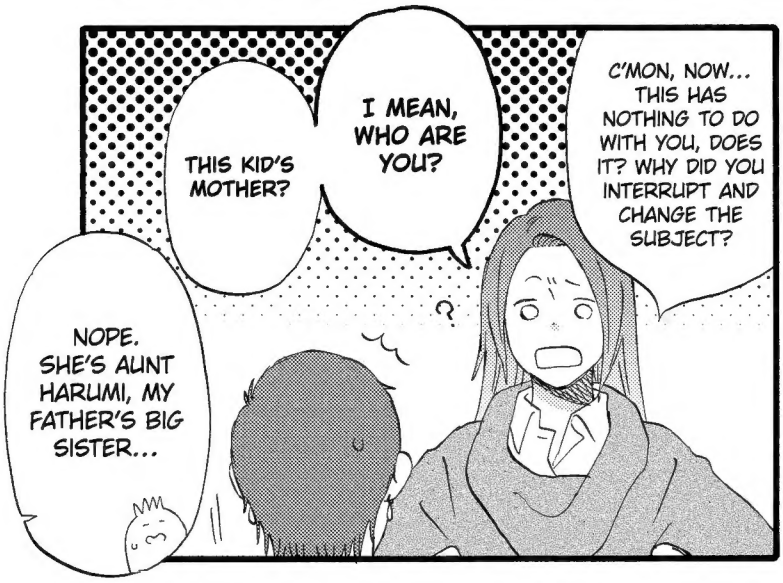
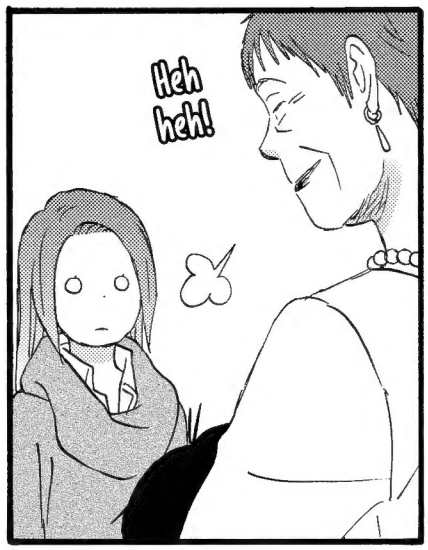
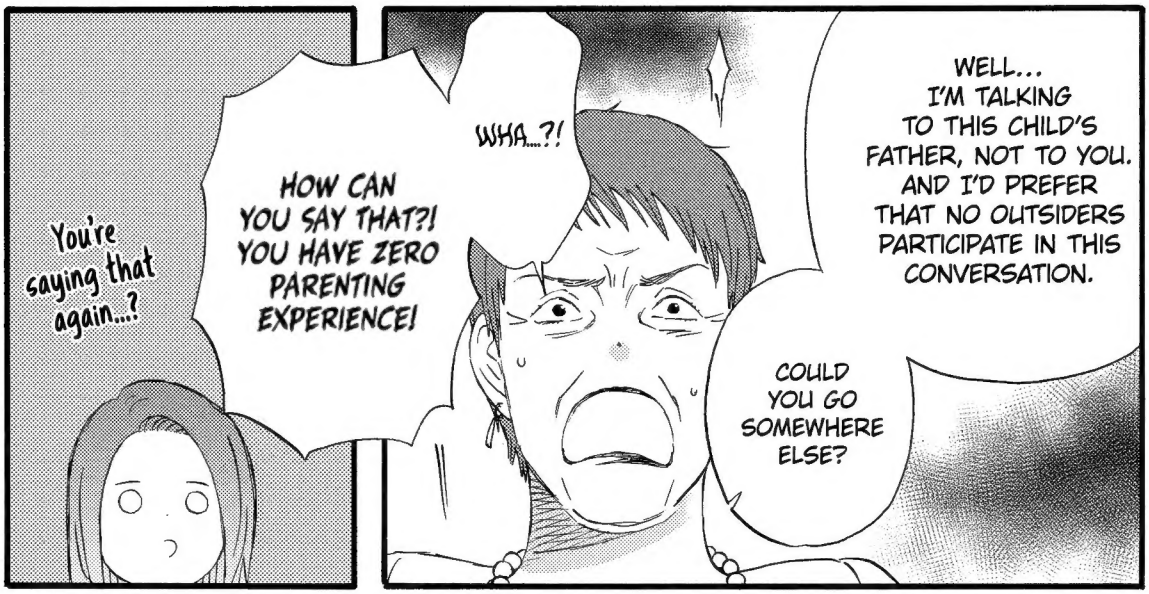

THERE, THERE. OH, POOR KEISUKE...
Uwaaah!
AUNTIIIIIE!
Dash
EXCUSE ME...?
DON'T YOU FIND IT INAPPROPRIATE FOR SOMEONE WHO HAS NEVER HAD CHILDREN TO BE LECTURING US ABOUT PARENTING?


THIS KID'S MOTHER?
I MEAN, WHO ARE YOU?
C'MON, NOW... THIS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU, DOES IT? WHY DID YOU INTERRUPT AND CHANGE THE SUBJECT?
NOPE. SHE'S AUNT HARUMI, MY FATHER'S BIG SISTER...

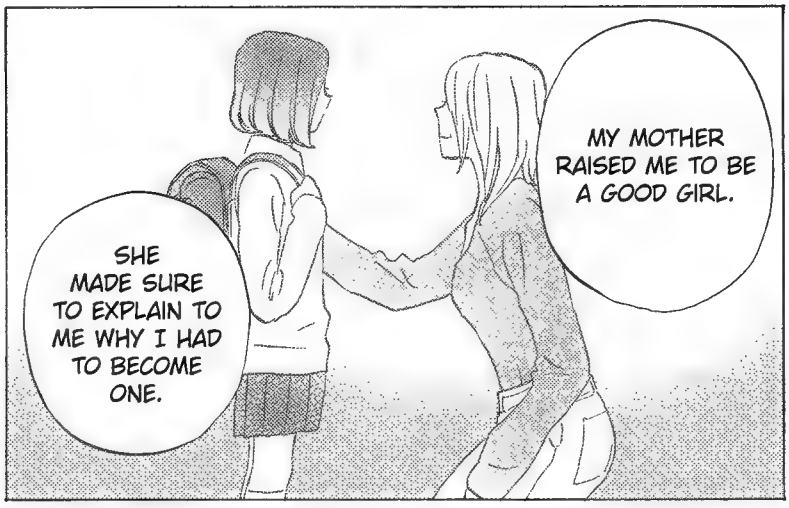

Heh heh!


You're saying that again...?
HOW CAN YOU SAY THAT?! YOU HAVE ZERO PARENTING EXPERIENCE!
WHA...?!
WELL... I'M TALKING TO THIS CHILD'S FATHER, NOT TO YOU. AND I'D PREFER THAT NO OUTSIDERS PARTICIPATE IN THIS CONVERSATION.
COULD YOU GO SOMEWHERE ELSE?

I CAN REMEMBER AND RECOGNIZE THE EXPERIENCES THAT HELPED ME GROW.

LIKE EVERYONE ELSE, I WAS A CHILD ONCE.
TRUE. I'VE NEVER RAISED A CHILD.
BUT...

HEY, KID! REMEMBER THIS...
JOLT

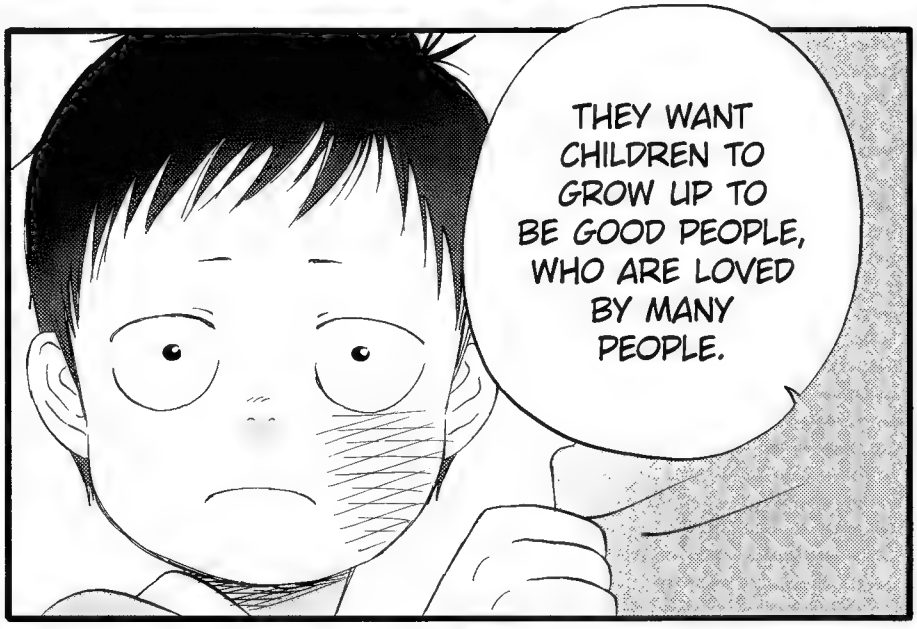

SHE MADE SURE TO EXPLAIN TO ME WHY I HAD TO BECOME ONE.
MY MOTHER RAISED ME TO BE A GOOD GIRL.

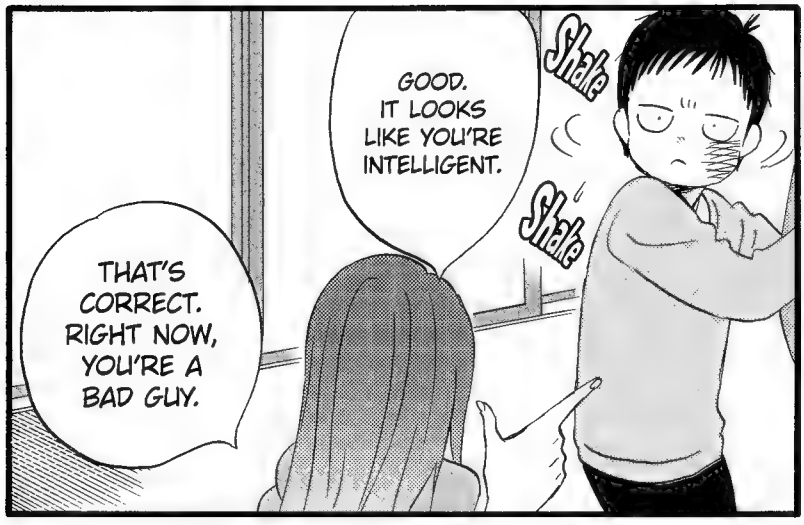
THE GOOD GUYS ARE TREATED KINDLY. THEY DON'T WANT TO GET INVOLVED WITH THE BAD GUYS.
MOST PEOPLE LIKE THE GOOD GUYS AND HATE THE BAD ONES.

WARNING OR SCOLDING CHILDREN CAN BE MENTALLY TAXING. HONESTLY, IT'S A LOT OF TROUBLE.
ADULTS WHO ARE WILLING TO TAKE THE TIME AND EFFORT TO TEACH YOU ARE USUALLY YOUR ALLIES.

AFTER ALL...
THOUGH THEIR APPROACH MAY DIFFER, THOSE ADULTS WILL TELL YOU THE SAME THING: BE A GOOD BOY.

THAT BEING SAID... THERE ARE MANY WEIRD ADULTS OUT THERE, SO BE CAREFUL WHO YOU'RE FRIENDS WITH.

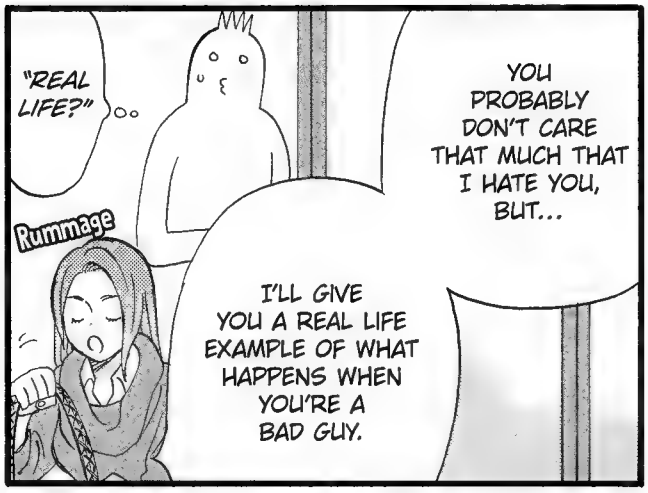

THEY WANT CHILDREN TO GROW UP TO BE GOOD PEOPLE, WHO ARE LOVED BY MANY PEOPLE.

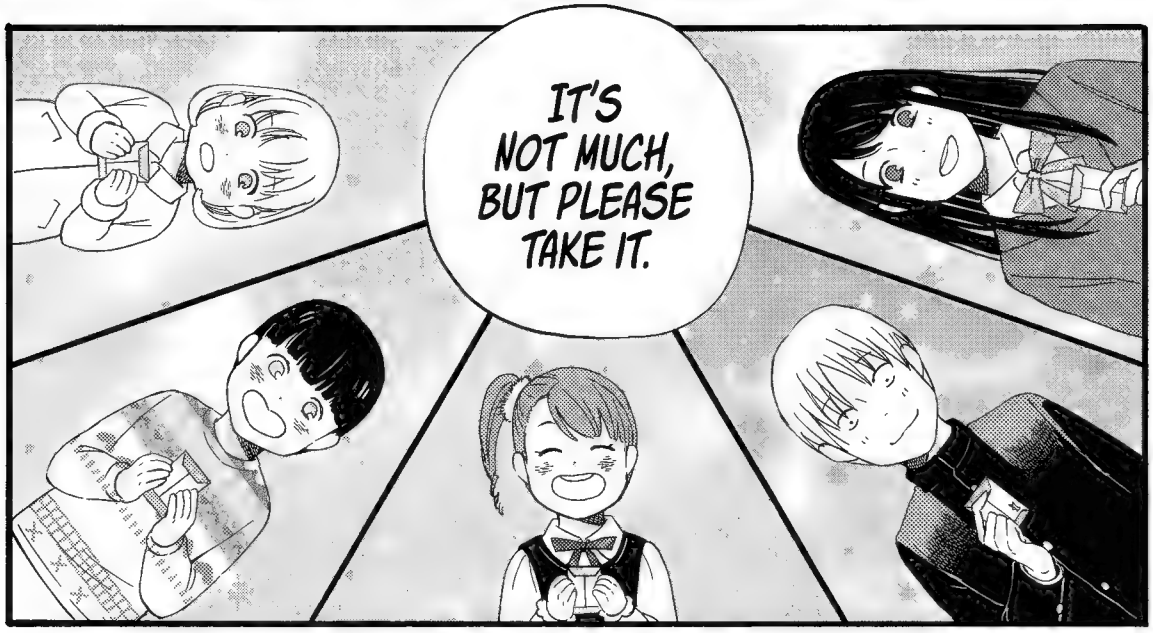

GOOD. IT LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE INTELLIGENT.
Shake
Shake
THAT'S CORRECT. RIGHT NOW, YOU'RE A BAD GUY.

...
ANYWAY, DO YOU THINK YOU'RE A GOOD GUY RIGHT NOW?

YOU'RE A ROTTEN BRAT WHO INSULTED AND HIT ME DURING OUR FIRST MEETING.
I HATE YOU. REALLY, I DON'T WANNA SEE YOUR FACE.
JUST BEING IN THE SAME ROOM AS YOU MAKES ME UNCOMFORTABLE.
...!

I DIDN'T EXPECT SO MANY KIDS TO BE HERE, BUT...
I STILL PREPARED THESE ENVELOPES. THEY'RE NEW YEAR'S MONEY.


YOU PROBABLY DON'T CARE THAT MUCH THAT I HATE YOU, BUT...
I'LL GIVE YOU A REAL LIFE EXAMPLE OF WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU'RE A BAD GUY.
"REAL LIFE?"
Rummage


IT'S NOT MUCH, BUT PLEASE TAKE IT.

I'M NOT GIVING YOU ANY.

TURN

AS FOR YOU...

P-PAPAAA!

HEY... FOR AN ADULT, YOU'RE NOT BEING VERY MATURE...

I WORKED VERY HARD TO EARN THIS MONEY. THERE'S NO WAY I'M GIVING IT TO A SNOTTY LITTLE BRAT LIKE YOU.

I DON'T CARE.

I-I'M A KID, TOO!

UGHH...

IF YOU'RE OKAY WITH THAT, THEN BE MY GUEST AND CARRY ON BEING A BAD GUY.

GET IT NOW? BAD GUYS ARE HATED, SO THEY DON'T GET ANY MONEY.

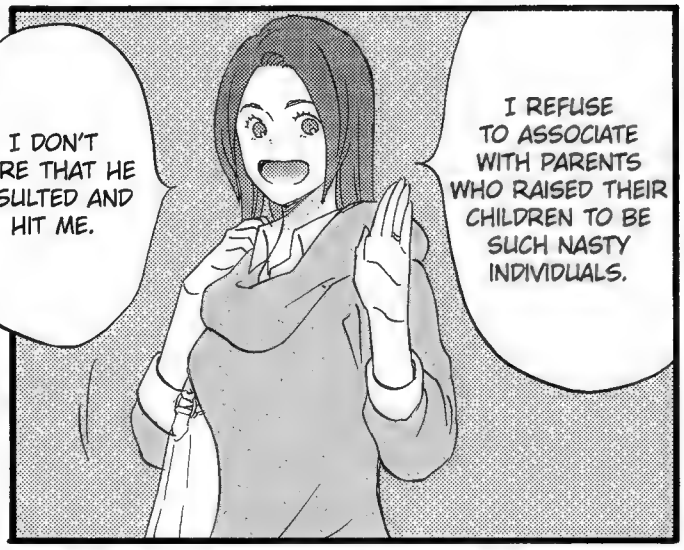
THE WAY YOU ARE RIGHT NOW, NO ONE LIKES YOU.

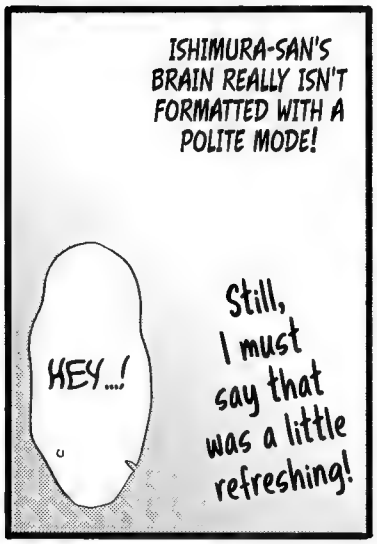
HEY, YOU...! THAT'S TOO MUCH!
OH, ONE MORE THING...

WHEN YOU TALK TO ME, I'LL IGNORE YOU.

FROM NOW ON, I WON'T GET INVOLVED WITH YOU. I'LL JUST PRETEND YOU DON'T EXIST.

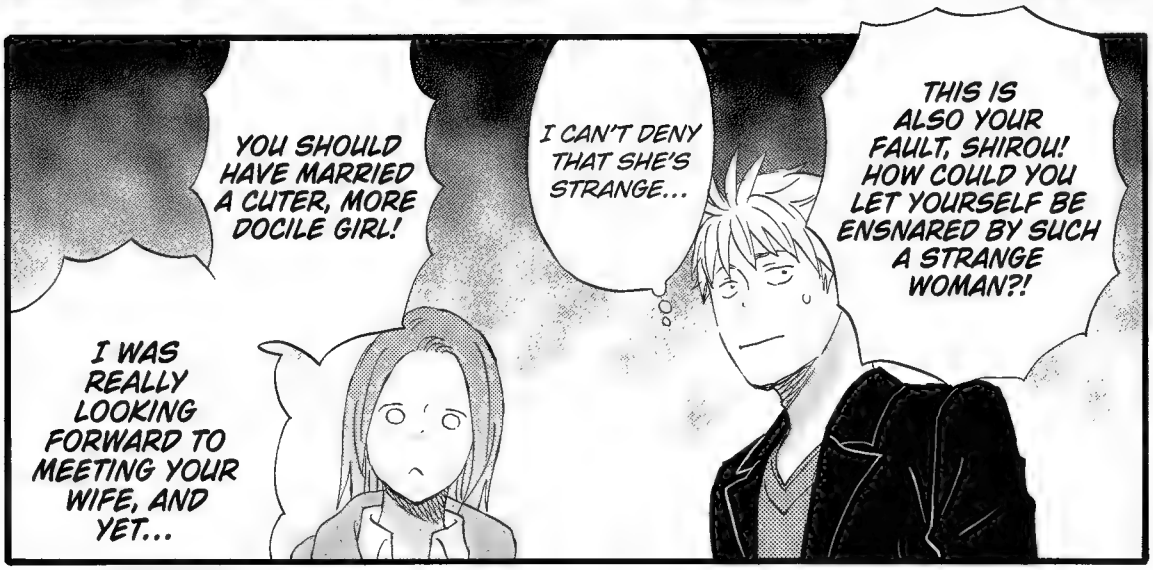
JUST DON'T TALK TO ME ANYMORE.


I DON'T CARE THAT HE INSULTED AND HIT ME.
I REFUSE TO ASSOCIATE WITH PARENTS WHO RAISED THEIR CHILDREN TO BE SUCH NASTY INDIVIDUALS.


ISHIMURA-SAN'S BRAIN REALLY ISN'T FORMATTED WITH A POLITE MODE!
HEY...!
Still, I must say that was a little refreshing!

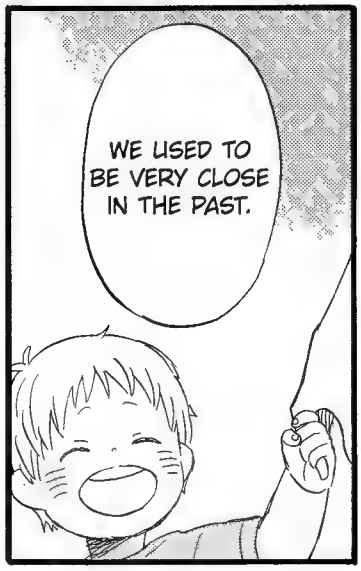
OH, GEEZ... WHAT SHOULD I DO? MY WIFE WENT WAY TOO FAR...!!
You wanted to get some fresh air, right?
ALL RIGHT. LET'S GO, THEN?
ANY FUTURE RELATIONSHIPS WITH MY RELATIVES ARE NOW DOOMED FROM THE START!
Mutter
Mutter

HOLD ON A SECOND!
W-WHAT IS YOUR DEAL...?
I REFUSE TO ACCEPT A WOMAN LIKE YOU!
WHOA!


THIS IS ALSO YOUR FAULT, SHIROU! HOW COULD YOU LET YOURSELF BE ENSNARED BY SUCH A STRANGE WOMAN?!
I CAN'T DENY THAT SHE'S STRANGE...
YOU SHOULD HAVE MARRIED A CUTER, MORE DOCILE GIRL!
I WAS REALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO MEETING YOUR WIFE, AND YET...

YOU TWO...
...GOT MARRIED WITHOUT TELLING ME ANYTHING ABOUT IT...!
SHE'S TOTALLY ANGRY... DID SHE RAISE YOU OR SOMETHING?
YEAH... SHE DID...
Scary...

...AND TODAY, YOU SHOWED UP OUT OF NOWHERE, DIDN'T INTRODUCE YOURSELF, AND BEGAN ACTING AS IF YOU OWNED THE PLACE...
HONESTLY, DON'T BLAME ME IF THINGS GO HORRIBLY WRONG FOR YOU IN THE FUTURE!


WE USED TO BE VERY CLOSE IN THE PAST.

Mutter
Mutter
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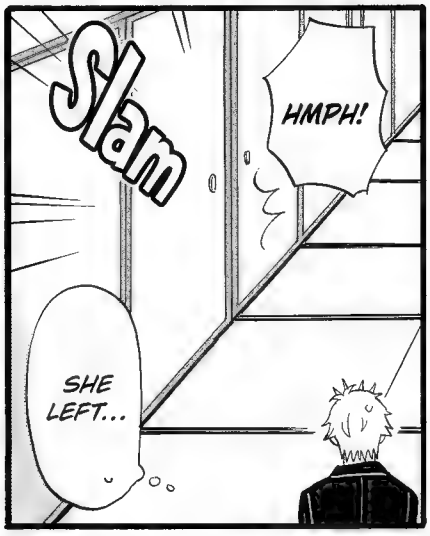
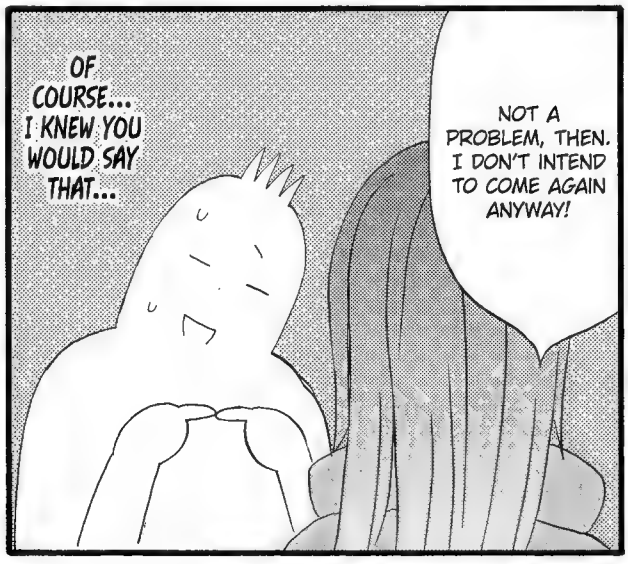
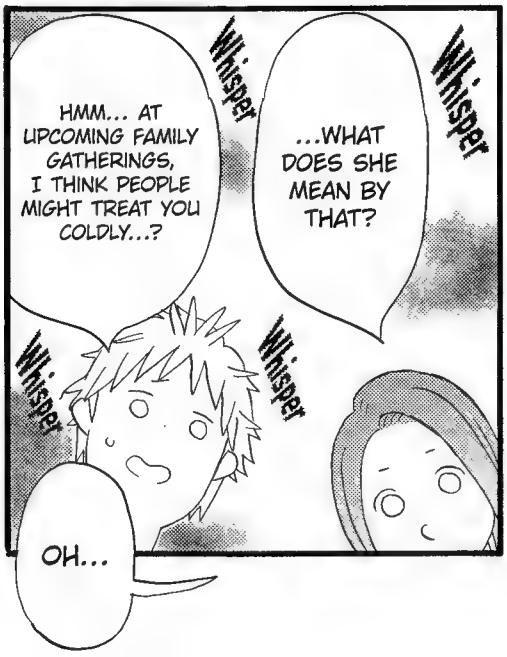
Whaaat...?
Oh, dear...
What now...?


Slam
HMPH!
SHE LEFT...


OF COURSE... I KNEW YOU WOULD SAY THAT...
NOT A PROBLEM, THEN. I DON'T INTEND TO COME AGAIN ANYWAY!


Whisper
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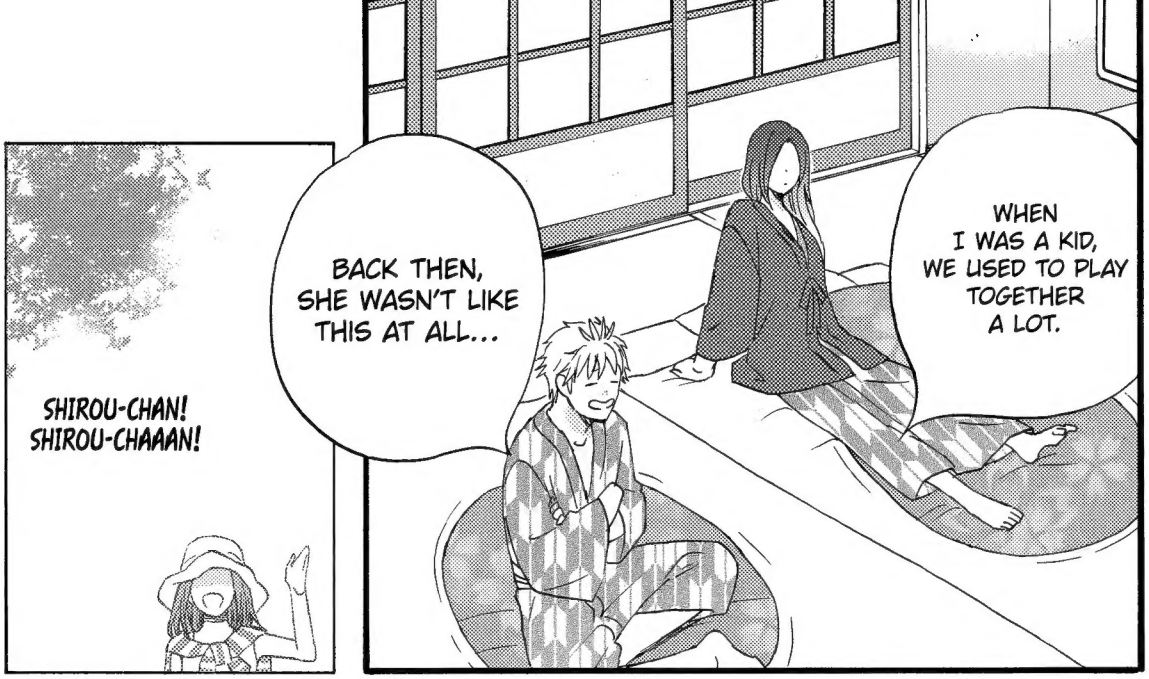
HMM... AT UPCOMING FAMILY GATHERINGS, I THINK PEOPLE MIGHT TREAT YOU COLDLY...?
...WHAT DOES SHE MEAN BY THAT?
OH...

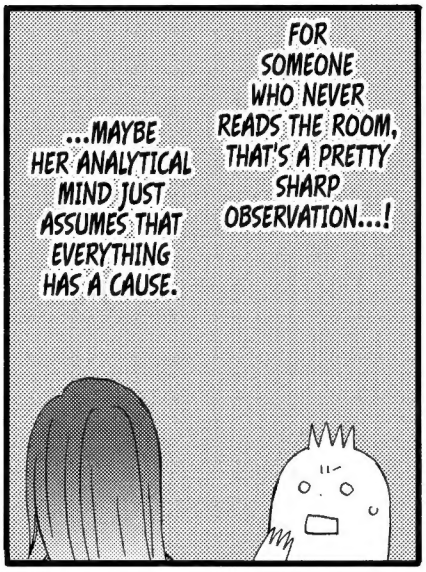
W-WE'LL BE LEAVING NOW. PLEASE EXCUSE US...
Shut...

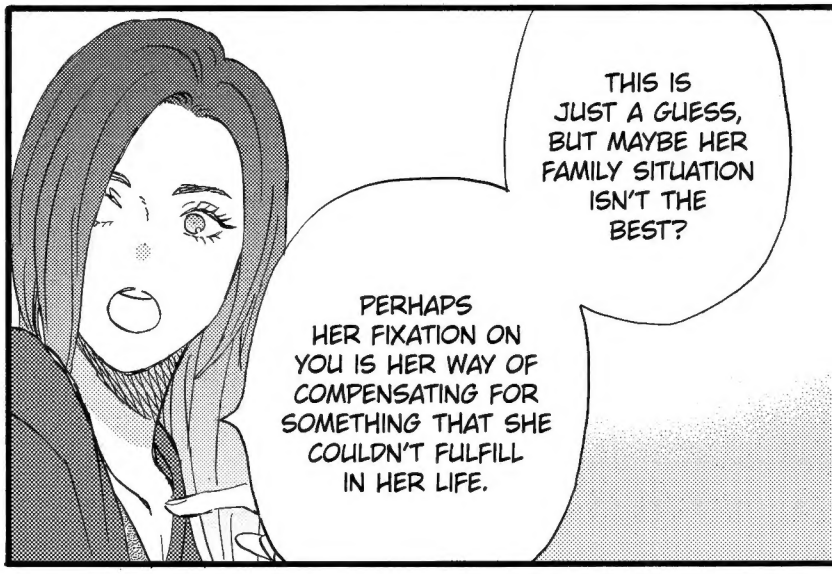
I'M TIRED. LET'S GO TO OUR ROOM.
OH... OF COURSE.

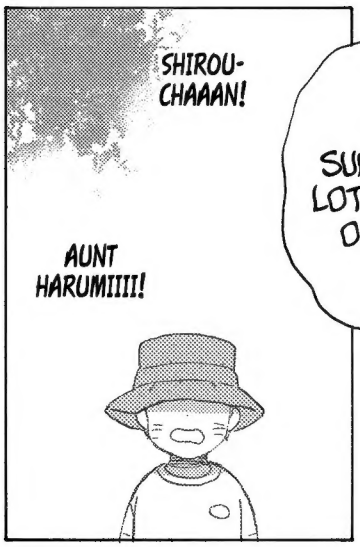
STILL... YOU SEEM QUITE FOND OF THAT NOISY WOMAN.
WERE YOU HER FAVORITE NEPHEW OR SOMETHING?

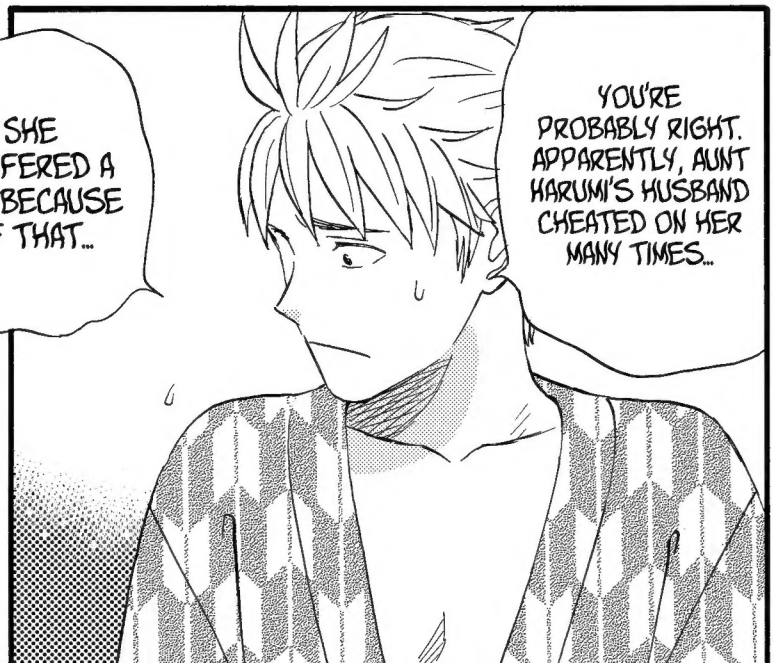
WHILE I'M TECHNICALLY HER NEPHEW, SHE TREATS ME AS IF I WERE HER GRANDSON.
MY AUNT SEEMED TO BE VERY PROTECTIVE OF HIM, AS IF SHE WERE HIS MOTHER.
AUNT HARUMI AND MY FATHER ARE SEVERAL YEARS APART IN AGE.


SHIROU-CHAN! SHIROU-CHAAAN!
BACK THEN, SHE WASN'T LIKE THIS AT ALL...
WHEN I WAS A KID, WE USED TO PLAY TOGETHER A LOT.

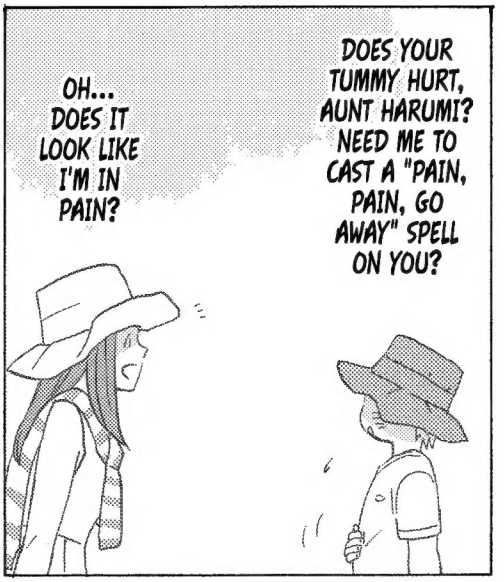

...MAYBE HER ANALYTICAL MIND JUST ASSUMES THAT EVERYTHING HAS A CAUSE.
FOR SOMEONE WHO NEVER READS THE ROOM, THAT'S A PRETTY SHARP OBSERVATION...!


PERHAPS HER FIXATION ON YOU IS HER WAY OF COMPENSATING FOR SOMETHING THAT SHE COULDN'T FULFILL IN HER LIFE.
THIS IS JUST A GUESS, BUT MAYBE HER FAMILY SITUATION ISN'T THE BEST?

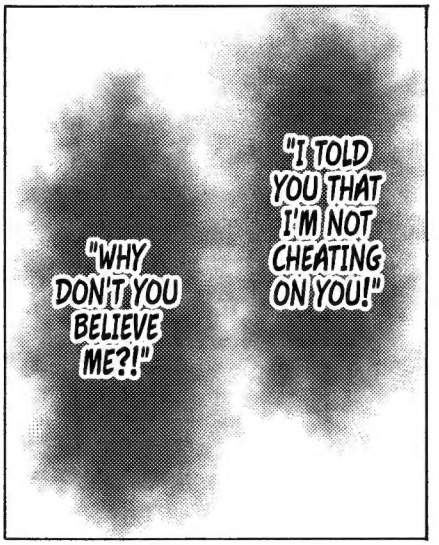

SHIROU-CHAAAN!
AUNT HARUMIIII!

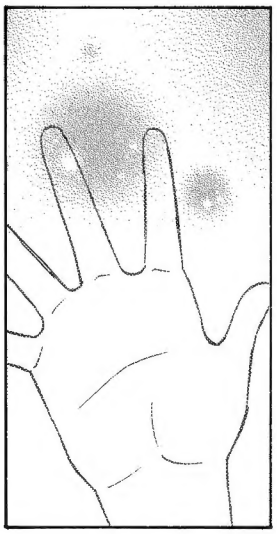

SHE SUFFERED A LOT BECAUSE OF THAT...
YOU'RE PROBABLY RIGHT. APPARENTLY, AUNT HARUMI'S HUSBAND CHEATED ON HER MANY TIMES...

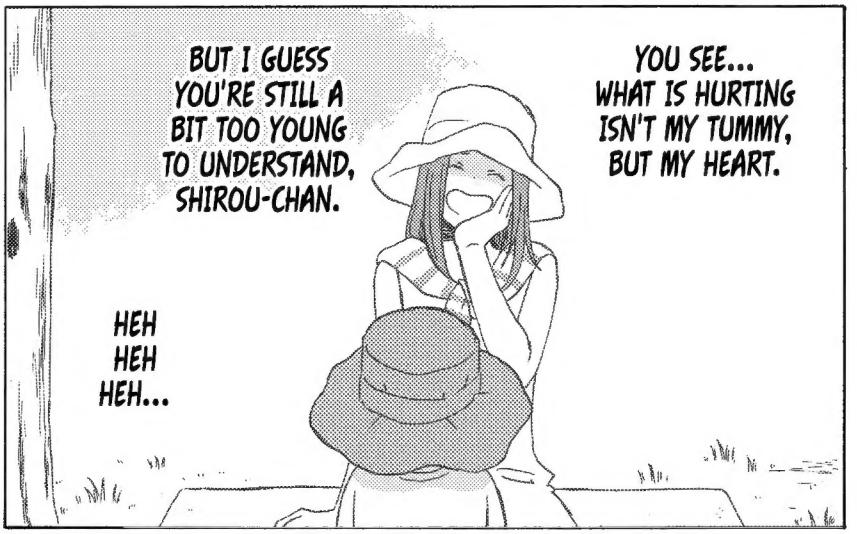
YOU'VE BEEN LOOKING SAD ALL DAY.

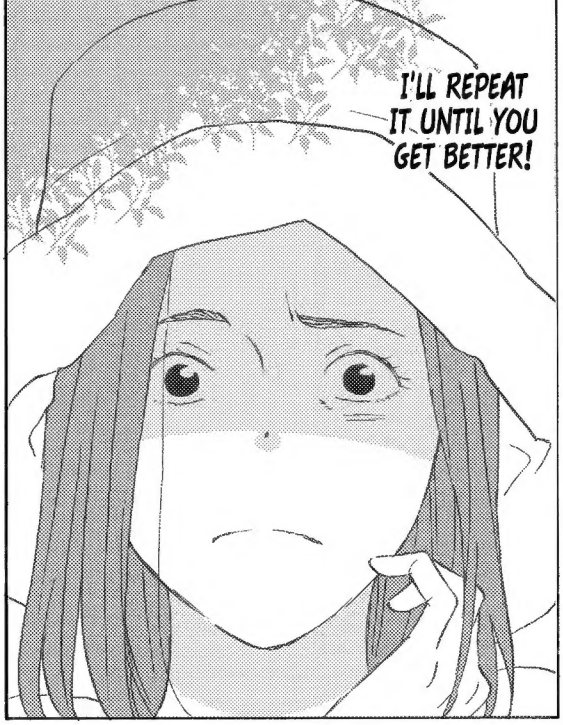

DOES YOUR TUMMY HURT, AUNT HARUMI? NEED ME TO CAST A "PAIN, PAIN, GO AWAY" SPELL ON YOU?
OH... DOES IT LOOK LIKE I'M IN PAIN?

...I'M SORRY. WE SHOULD BE HAVING FUN RIGHT NOW, BUT I ENDED UP MAKING A WEIRD FACE.

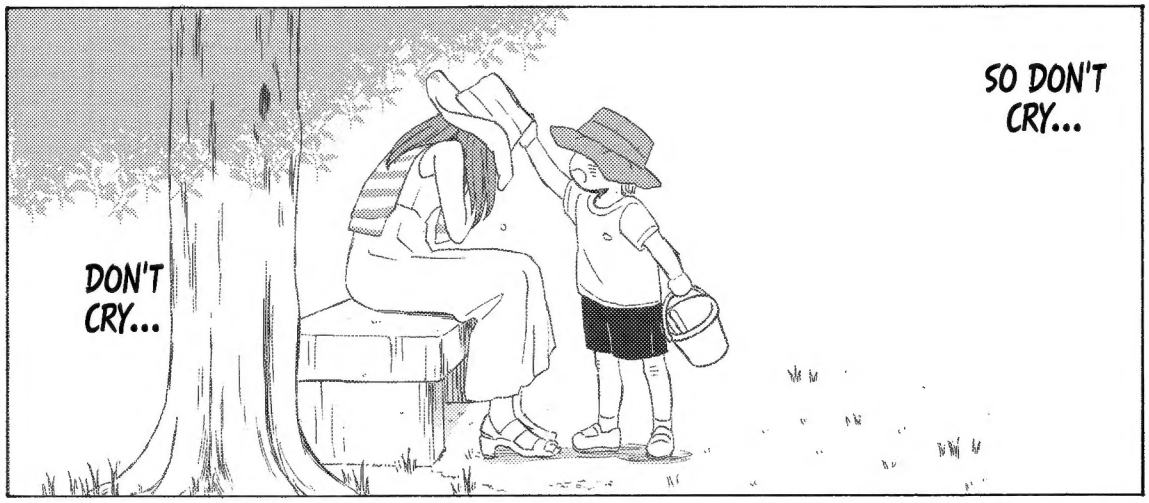

"I TOLD YOU THAT I'M NOT CHEATING ON YOU!"
"WHY DON'T YOU BELIEVE ME?!"




YOU SEE... WHAT IS HURTING ISN'T MY TUMMY, BUT MY HEART.
BUT I GUESS YOU'RE STILL A BIT TOO YOUNG TO UNDERSTAND, SHIROU-CHAN.
HEH HEH HEH...


I'LL REPEAT IT UNTIL YOU GET BETTER!

I'LL CAST MY " PAIN, PAIN, GO AWAY" SPELL, OKAY?!


DON'T CRY...
SO DON'T CRY...

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